

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A vehicle instrument panel, comprising:
a storage drawer slidably mounted to the
5 instrument panel and movable within a cavity of the
instrument panel between closed and open positions,
wherein the drawer comprises a floor, a front wall, a
rear wall opposite the front wall, and side walls that
extend between the front and rear walls in spaced-apart
10 relationship to define a storage compartment for
receiving items therein; and
a tray slidably secured to the storage drawer
and movable between a hidden position within the
instrument panel cavity and an exposed position when the
15 storage drawer is in an open position, wherein the tray
comprises one or more receptacles for receiving items
therein.
2. The instrument panel of Claim 1, wherein
20 the tray is operably connected to the storage drawer such
that movement of the storage drawer from the closed
position to a partially open position causes the tray to
move to the exposed position.
- 25 3. The instrument panel of Claim 2, further
comprising a stop positioned within the instrument panel
cavity, and wherein the stop maintains the tray in the
exposed position as the storage drawer continues to move
from the partially open position to a fully open
30 position.
4. The instrument panel of Claim 3, wherein
the stop comprises a member that is configured to
releasably grip a portion of the tray.
- 35 5. The instrument panel of Claim 1, wherein

the tray is configured to be selectively attached to the storage drawer such that movement of the storage drawer to a fully open position causes the tray to be moved to its exposed position.

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6. The instrument panel of Claim 5, further comprising an actuator operably associated with the tray and that is movable between first and second positions, wherein, when the actuator is in the first position, user
10 movement of the storage drawer to an extended position causes movement of the tray to the exposed position, and wherein, when the actuator is in the second position, movement of the tray is independent of user movement of the storage drawer.

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7. The instrument panel of Claim 6, wherein the actuator comprises a switch mounted on the tray.

8. The instrument panel of Claim 1, wherein
20 the storage drawer front wall comprises a front surface with a handle, and wherein the handle is configured to be grasped by a user to facilitate movement of the storage drawer between open and closed positions.

25 9. The instrument panel of Claim 1, wherein the one or more receptacles are cup holders.

10. The instrument panel of Claim 1, wherein
30 the storage drawer front wall is substantially flush with a front portion of the instrument panel when the storage drawer is in the closed position.

11. The instrument panel of Claim 1, wherein
35 the storage drawer side walls include respective upper edge portions, and wherein the tray is slidably secured to the upper edge portions of the side walls.

12. The instrument panel of Claim 1, wherein the storage drawer side walls include respective upper edge portions, and wherein the tray is removably secured
5 to the upper edge portions of the side walls.

13. The instrument panel of Claim 1, wherein the tray is removably secured to the storage drawer and can be removed from the storage drawer by a user.

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14. A vehicle instrument panel, comprising:
a storage drawer slidably mounted to the instrument panel and movable within a cavity of the instrument panel between closed and open positions,
15 wherein the drawer comprises a floor, a front wall, a rear wall opposite the front wall, and side walls that extend between the front and rear walls in spaced-apart relationship to define a storage compartment for receiving items therein; and

20 a tray slidably secured to the storage drawer and movable between a hidden position within the instrument panel cavity and an exposed position, wherein the tray comprises one or more receptacles for receiving items therein, wherein the tray is selectively connected
25 to the storage drawer via a user-activatable actuator such that movement of the storage drawer from the closed position to a partially open position causes the tray to move to the exposed position.

30 15. The instrument panel of Claim 14, further comprising a stop positioned within the instrument panel cavity, and wherein the stop maintains the tray in the exposed position as the storage drawer continues to move from the partially open position to a fully open
35 position.

16. The instrument panel of Claim 15, wherein the stop comprises a member that is configured to releasably grip a portion of the tray.

5 17. The instrument panel of Claim 14, wherein the actuator is movable between first and second positions, wherein, when the actuator is in the first position, user movement of the storage drawer to an extended position causes movement of the tray to the
10 exposed position, and wherein, when the actuator is in the second position, movement of the tray is independent of user movement of the storage drawer.

18. The instrument panel of Claim 14, wherein
15 the actuator comprises a switch mounted on the tray.

19. The instrument panel of Claim 14, wherein the storage drawer front wall comprises a front surface with a handle, and wherein the handle is configured to be
20 grasped by a user to facilitate movement of the storage drawer between open and closed positions.

20. The instrument panel of Claim 14, wherein the one or more receptacles are cup holders.

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21. The instrument panel of Claim 14, wherein the storage drawer front wall is substantially flush with a front portion of the instrument panel when the storage drawer is in the closed position.

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22. The instrument panel of Claim 14, wherein the storage drawer side walls include respective upper edge portions, and wherein the tray is slidably secured to the upper edge portions of the side walls.

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23. The instrument panel of Claim 14, wherein

the storage drawer side walls include respective upper edge portions, and wherein the tray is removably secured to the upper edge portions of the side walls.

5 24. The instrument panel of Claim 14, wherein the tray is removably secured to the storage drawer and can be removed from the storage drawer by a user.

 25. A vehicle instrument panel, comprising:
10 a storage drawer slidably mounted to the instrument panel and movable within a cavity of the instrument panel between closed and open positions, wherein the drawer comprises a floor, a front wall, a rear wall opposite the front wall, and side walls that
15 extend between the front and rear walls in spaced-apart relationship to define a storage compartment for receiving items therein; and

 a tray secured to the storage drawer adjacent the front wall, wherein the tray comprises one or more
20 receptacles for receiving items therein;

 wherein the storage drawer front wall comprises an upper portion that pivots outwardly to expose the tray.

25 26. The instrument panel of Claim 25, wherein the storage drawer front wall comprises a front surface with a handle, and wherein the handle is configured to be grasped by a user to facilitate movement of the storage drawer between open and closed positions.

30 27. The instrument panel of Claim 25, wherein the one or more receptacles are cup holders.

 28. The instrument panel of Claim 25, wherein
35 the storage drawer front wall is substantially flush with a front portion of the instrument panel when the storage

drawer is in the closed position.